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In the Matter of)	
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Amendment of Section 73.202(b))	MM Docket No. 00-8
Table of Allotments,)	RM-9788
FM Broadcast Stations,)	
(Spencer and Webster, Massachusetts))	

To: Chief, Allocations Branch:

COMMENTS OF MONTACHUSETT BROADCASTING, INC.

Montachusett Broadcasting, Inc. ("Montachusett Broadcasting"), licensee of Station WORC-FM, Channel 255A, Spencer, Massachusetts, by its attorney and pursuant to Section 1.420(d0 of the Commission's rules, hereby submits its Comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rule Making ("Notice") adopted by the Chief of the Allocations Branch in the above-captioned proceeding on January 5, 2000 (DA 00-68, released on January 14, 2000). In support thereof, the following is shown:

1. On November 12, 1999, Montachusett Broadcasting filed a Petition for Rule Making requesting that the Commission institute a rulemaking to reallocate Channel 255A from Spencer to Webster, Massachusetts, and modify its Station WORC-FM license to specify Webster as the community of license. Montachusett Broadcasting filed its Petition for Rule Making pursuant to Section 1.420(i) of the Rules which permits the modification of a station authorization to specify a new community of license without affording other interested parties an opportunity to file a competing expression of interest. See Modification of FM and TV Authorizations to Specify a New Community of License, 4 FCC Rcd 4870 (1989); recon., granted in part, 5 FCC Rcd 7094 (1990).

2. In a Report and Order in MM Docket No. 98-174, 14 FCC Rcd 214 91999), the Commission allotted Channel 255A from Webster to Spencer, and modified the Station WORC-FM license to specify Spencer as the community of license. In its Petition for Rule Making, Montachusett Broadcasting documented its extensive efforts to implement the reallocation. Notwithstanding these efforts, there is no transmitter site available that would enable Station WORC-FM to comply with Commission engineering requirements and local zoning requirements. Subsequent to the Report and order in MM Docket No. 98-174, Station WORC-FM has continued to operate with its former facilities at Webster.

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3. In the Notice of Proposed Rule Making, the Chief of the Allocation Branch proposes to reallocate Channel 255A from Spencer to Webster and modify the license of Station WORC-FM to specify Webster as the community of license. Such action will serve the public interest by enabling Station WORC-FM to continue operation. Montachusett Broadcasting hereby states its intention to apply for Channel 255A if the Channel is allotted to Webster and if authorized, to continue to operate with its former facilities at Webster.

4. Joint Request for Expedited Processing. On February 4, 2000, the Mass Media Bureau granted an application to assign the license of Station WORC-FM to Citadel Broadcasting Company (File No. BALH-19991209AAJ). Section 13.20 of the Asset Purchase Agreement dated December 3, 1999, by and among Montachusett Broadcasting, Robin B. Martin, James P. Williams, Jr., Citadel Broadcasting Company and Citadel License, Inc. provides that the obligation of Citadel Broadcasting Company to close the Station WORC-FM transaction is subject to the condition that "[t]he FCC shall have granted the Petition for Rule Making and issued an order in the resulting rule making proceeding reallocating FM channel 255A for Spencer, Massachusetts, to Webster, Massachusetts." Citadel Broadcasting Company has advised the undersigned counsel that it fully supports the proposed reallocation of Channel 255A to Webster, and it will apply for Channel 255A if the channel is allotted to Webster and if authorized, to continue to operate with Station WORC-FM's former facilities at Webster. Montachusett Broadcasting and Citadel Broadcasting Company respectfully request that the Mass Media Bureau take expedited action in the instant rulemaking proceeding.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Montachusett Broadcasting respectfully requests that the Chief of the Allocations Branch amend the Table of Assignments by reallocating Channel 255A from Spencer to Webster, and that Station WORC-FM be allowed to continue to operate at its present site (N42-02-10, W71-5923) with its currently licensed facilities (1.85kw at 25 meters HAAT) pursuant to Section 73.213(c)(1) of the Commission's rules.

Respectfully submitted

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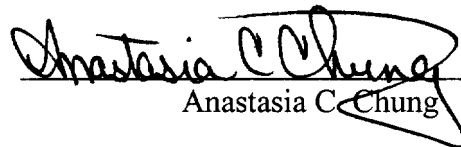
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